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- 1. MR. NORMAN FORER, PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS, AND MRS. NANCY HORMACHEA FROM HOUSTON, REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL LAWYER'S GUILD, CALLED AT THE EMBASSY FEBRUARY 14. BOTH SAID THEIR ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE STUDYING AND OBSERVING THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND CIVIL LIBERTIES SITUATION IN IRAN FOR THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN (CACHRI) AND THE CLERGY AND LAITY CONCERNED (CLC) HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS.
- 2. WE HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR NOTICE OF THEIR ARRIVAL ALTHOUGH THEY SAID CONTACT WOULD BE MADE ON THEIR BEHALF. THEY REQUESTED EMBASSY BRIEFINGS ON TERRORISM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES ISSUES AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN IRAN AND THE SUG POSITIONS ON THESE MATTERS. THEY ALSO REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, WITH UNIVERSITY FACULTY, AND AT THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. THEY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN TOURING AN IRANIAN PRISON.
- 3. AFTER THEIR CALL, WE RECEIVED AN INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNED BY KATHLEEN THORSBY GUINAN FOR ACHRI AND ROGER RUMPF FOR CLC, HOLDING THE AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBLE QUOTE IN BOTH YOUR OFFICIAL AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY UNQUOTE FOR THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF FORER AND HORMACHEA.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS ON THESE ORGANIZATION AND THE BONA FIDE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.

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